

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the time and courtesy extended by the Examiner and his Supervisor during the telephone interview of January 3, 2008.

During the telephone interview, the Examiner suggested amending independent Claims 1, 8 and 17 to include language reciting that the first power supply (or power holding circuit) and the second power supply (or luminance inclination circuit) are connected in parallel. The Examiner indicated that he did not believe that such a feature was satisfied by the cited references.

In response, Applicant amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 17 to include language regarding such a parallel connection. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the §103 rejection of Claims 1-14, 17 and 18 under United States Patent No. 6,151,016 to Kanbe et al. in view of United States Patent No. 5,248,963 to Yasui et al. For this same reason, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the §103 rejections of dependent Claims 15-16 and 19-27 as being obvious over the combination of Kanbe et al. and Yasui et al. in view of either United States Patent No. 7,023,511 to Lee or United States Patent No. 6,909,414 to Tsuchi et al.

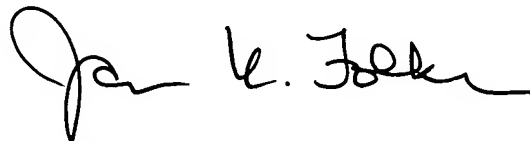
For all of the above reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of the application, or that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

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